

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of December 11, 2014

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, December 11, 2014, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Chairman Stein at 1:00 p.m.

Council Members Present:

Robert Stein
Chairman
James J. Murphy, Jr.
Vice Chairman
Robert Hannon
(designee for Commissioner Klee)

Barbara Currier Bell
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr
Michael Caron
(designee for Chairman House)
Philip T. Ashton

Council Members Absent:

Michael W. Klemens

Staff Members Present:

Melanie Bachman
Acting Executive Director/Staff Attorney
Fred Cunliffe
Supervising Siting Analyst
Christina Walsh
Supervising Siting Analyst

Robert Mercier
Siting Analyst
Michael Perrone
Siting Analyst
David Martin
Siting Analyst

Recording Secretary:

Lisa Mathews

Minutes of November 13, 2014.

Dr. Bell moved to approve the minutes of November 13, 2014, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET 192B- CPV Towantic, LLC Motion to Reopen and Modify the June 23, 1999 Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need based on changed conditions pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-181a(b) for the construction, maintenance and operation of a 785 MW dual-fuel combined cycle electric generating facility located north of the Prokop Road and Towantic Hill Road intersection in the Town of Oxford, Connecticut. Schedule. Grouping of Parties.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the schedule for processing the docket as per staff recommendations, the appointment of Carriann Mulcahy as custodian of the docket, the deposition of the transcript in the towns of Oxford and Middlebury, a public field review and hearing in Oxford on Thursday, January 15, 2015; seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lynch moved to group The Pomperaug River Watershed Coalition (Party) and Naugatuck Valley Chapter Trout Unlimited (Party) together and the Town of Middlebury (intervenor) and Raymond Pietrorazio (intervenor) together consistent with Connecticut General Statutes section 16-50n(c) to facilitate the evidentiary hearing process, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 338 – SBA Towers IV, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 160 West Street, Cromwell, Connecticut. Compliance Proposal.

Mr. Caron moved to approve the Compliance Proposal, pertaining to T-Mobile's pending exempt modification, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve a 120-day extension of time to March 24, 2015 for SBA to develop methods to conceal Verizon's installation in a manner consistent with the approved Development and Management Plan for the facility, seconded by Mr. Caron. The motion passed unanimously.

EM-T-MOBILE-033-140807 – T-Mobile Northeast LLC notice of intent to modify an existing telecommunications facility located at 160 West Street, Cromwell, Connecticut. Decision.

Dr. Bell moved to acknowledge this exempt modification with the following conditions:

- Install coax in accordance with the structural analysis report prepared by FDH Engineering, stamped by Bradley Newman on June 6, 2014;
- Within 45 days following completion of the equipment installation, T-Mobile shall provide documentation that its installation complied with the recommendations of the Structural Analysis Report;
- T-Mobile's antennas and associated mounting equipment shall be installed as specified on the Site Plan Sheets A-2 and A-3 prepared by ProTerra Groups LLC dated October 16, 2014, submitted with SBA's correspondence of November 25, 2014;
- No existing faux branches shall be removed, moved, altered or cut for the installation, as noted on ProTerra Groups LLC Site Plan Sheets A-2 and A-3, dated October 16, 2014; and
- Antennas and associated equipment including all brackets, pipes and mounting bars shall be painted to match the color of the monopine, as noted on ProTerra Groups LLC Site Plan Sheets A-2 and A-3, dated October 16, 2014.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Caron and passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 445 - Homeland Towers, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at Ridgefield Town Assessor Map Parcel #D08-124, southwest of the intersection of Old Stagecoach Road and Aspen Ledges Road, Ridgefield, Connecticut. Development & Management Plan.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the Development and Management Plan, seconded by Mr. Caron. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 448 – Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at Orange Tax Assessor Map 77, Block 3, Lot 1, 831 Derby Milford Road, Orange, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.

Mr. Ashton and Mr. Lynch said they read the transcripts.

After reviewing the Draft Findings of Fact, Chairman Stein conducted a non-binding straw poll with Mr. Ashton, Mr. Hannon, Mr. Lynch, and Mr. Murphy in favor of a monopole telecommunications facility at the alternate site; Dr. Bell and Chairman Stein in favor of a monopine telecommunications facility at the alternate site; and Mr. Caron abstaining.

Chairman Stein directed staff to Draft a favorable Opinion and Decision Order for a monopole telecommunications facility at the alternate site to be reviewed at the next meeting.

DOCKET NO. 451 – Homeland Towers, LLC and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at the Cheshire Wastewater Treatment Plant, Cheshire Tax Assessor Map 38, Lot 180, 1325 Cheshire Street, Cheshire, Connecticut. Motion to Reopen Evidentiary Record. Draft Findings of Fact.

Mr. Ashton moved to deny the Motion to Reopen the Evidentiary Record, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lynch said he read the transcript of the 2nd hearing.

After reviewing the Draft Findings of Fact, Chairman Stein conducted a non-binding straw poll with Chairman. Stein, Mr. Murphy, Dr. Bell, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Hannon, Mr. Caron, and Mr. Ashton in favor of the proposed facility.

Chairman Stein directed staff to Draft a favorable Opinion and Decision Order for the facility to be reviewed at the next meeting.

DOCKET NO. 453 – American Tower Corporation and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at Manchester Tax Assessor Map 133, Block 3700, Lot 701, 701 Lydall Street, Manchester, Connecticut. Completeness Review, Schedule, Custodian of the Docket, Deposition of the Transcript, Motion for Protective Order.

Mr. Murphy moved to deem the application as complete, approve the schedule for processing the docket as per staff recommendations, the appointment of Lisa Mathews as custodian of the docket, the deposition of the transcript in the towns of Manchester, Bolton and Vernon, a public field review and hearing in Manchester on Tuesday, January 20, 2015; seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the Motion for Protective Order, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 454 – Tower Holdings, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at Farmington Tax Assessor Parcel ID Maps 25 and 26, Lots 3A and 3B, 199 Brickyard Road, Farmington, Connecticut. Completeness Review, Schedule, Custodian of the Docket, Deposition of the Transcript, Request for Party/Intervenor Status.

Mr. Ashton moved to deem the application as complete, approve the schedule for processing the docket as per staff recommendations, the appointment of Carriann Mulcahy as custodian of the docket, the deposition of the transcript in the town of Farmington, a public field review and hearing in Farmington on Tuesday, February 3, 2015; seconded by Mr. Caron. The motion passed with Mr. Hannon recusing.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve Intervenor Status to New Cingular Wireless PCS LLC, seconded by Mr. Caron. The motion passed with Mr. Hannon abstaining.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve Party Status to the Town of Farmington, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed with Mr. Hannon abstaining.

PETITION NO. 1057 - The Connecticut Light and Power Company declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed modifications to the existing Northeast Simsbury Substation and replacement of structures in Simsbury and Bloomfield; and re-conductoring of a 115-kV transmission line from Northeast Simsbury Substation Simsbury, Connecticut to the North Bloomfield Substation, Bloomfield, Connecticut. Revised Landscaping Plan.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the Revised Landscaping Plan, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1116 – The Connecticut Light and Power Company (“CL&P”) declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed modifications to CL&P’s existing Canal Substation located at 168 Canal Street, Southington, Connecticut. Request for Modification of Decision.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the Request to Modify the Decision, seconded by Mr. Caron. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1119 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed construction, maintenance, and operation of three pole-mounted small cell telecommunications facilities on the Woodstock Fairgrounds property located at 281 Route 169, Woodstock, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Hannon moved to approve the petition, seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1120 – The United Illuminating Company petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed modifications to the Hawthorne Substation located at 180 Hawthorne Drive, Fairfield, Connecticut. Motion for Protective Order. Set Date for Decision.

Mr. Murphy moved to grant the Applicant’s Motion for Protective Order, pursuant to C.G.S. § 1-210, as it pertains to Critical Energy Infrastructure Information, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Murphy moved to set May 4, 2015 as the date by which the Council shall make a decision on this petition, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

TS-VER-080-141029 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless request for an order to approve the shared use of an existing telecommunications facility located at 462 West Main Street, Meriden, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve this tower share request, seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Matters.

The following calendar events were discussed:

- Thursday, January 8, 2015, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Thursday, January 22, 2015, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.

Adjournment.

Mr. Ashton moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Caron. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Stein adjourned the meeting at 2:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Stein
Chairman

RS/lm